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ON CZECH PARTICIPATION

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Czech MFA Department of the Americas official Marketa Balkova informed emboff that many of the details of the Czech delegation participation at the 64th UN General Assembly (UNGA) have not been worked out. She did confirm, however, that the Head of State, President Vaclav Klaus, and the Foreign Minister, Jan Kohout, are planning to attend UNGA. The Head of Government, Prime Minister Jan Fischer, is not planning to travel to UNGA. The exact dates of travel have not been established, nor the rest of the members of the delegation, nor whether spouses will accompany. The MFA has been informed that President Klaus only intends to attend 2-3 days of the UNGA, while the Foreign Minister currently plans to attend the majority of the UNGA events and meetings. With respect to interpreting, Foreign Minister Kohout does not require interpreting as he is fluent in English. President Klaus speaks English, but he does occasionally use an interpreter, depending on the topic of discussion. Thus, President Klaus may request a Czech interpreter. Law